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Dear Sir:

This is in request for a: ☒ continuation application
☐ DIVISIONAL application

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. PCT/JP02/10638, filed October 11, 2002, for the invention entitled "OPTICAL DISK DRIVE" by inventors Kazuo Urata and Yasushi Hayashi.

1. ☒ Enclosed are a specification, formal drawings, and an unsigned declaration.
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below (see also paragraph 5 below):

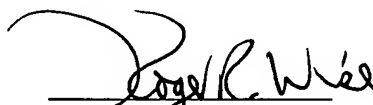
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A TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	11 - 20* =	0	X \$9 or X \$18	\$0	
B INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE**	3 - 3* =	0	X \$43 or X \$86	\$0	
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)				\$ 0
D	SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140.00 MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280.00				\$ 0
E	SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$370.00 BASIC FEE *LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770.00				\$ 770
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)				\$ 770

3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 16-1805.
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770 is enclosed.
5. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
6. ☐ Related Application Data: Please amend the specification by replacing the first paragraph as follows:
7. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

8. ☒ Priority of patent application No. 2001-320303 filed in Japan on October 18, 2001 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: YAMAHA CORPORATION.
10. ☐ The power of attorney appears in the prior application.
11. ☐ The statement of Small Entity Status filed in the prior application is still proper.
12. ☒ An IDS is being filed concurrently herewith.
13. ☒ Address all future communications to: Roger R. Wise
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Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that

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- ☒ Patent application (18 pages of specification; 11 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee
- ☒ 12 sheets of -formal drawings
- ☒ An unsigned Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with 3 reference(s) and form PTO-1449
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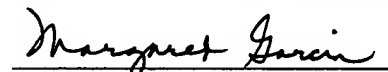
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